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RE: UNITED STATES v. JAMES SPERDUTI

Acting United States Attorney Kathleen M. Mehlretter announced today that James Sperduti, age 43, of Buffalo, New York, pled guilty before the Honorable William M. Skretny, United States District Judge, to a one-Count Information charging him with possession of child pornography, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2252(a)(4)(B). At sentencing, Sperduti faces a maximum penalty of ten (10) years imprisonment and a \$250,000 fine.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Allison P. Gioia, who is handling the case, stated that Sperduti was, until March 2005, a guidance counselor at Tonawanda High School. Sperduti admitted during the plea that he possessed at least 150 but fewer than 300 images of child pornography on his computer and that some of the images depicted prepubescent minors less than twelve years of age.

The guilty plea was the result of an investigation led by United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Peter J. Smith.

Sentencing is scheduled for April 20, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. before the Honorable William M. Skretny.